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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In the Application of: JOANICOT et al.

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For: LATEX DISPERSIONS CONTAINING A HYDROXYL FUNCTIONAL GROUP AND A CARBOXYLIC FUNCTIONAL GROUP AND THEIR USE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF COATINGS.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of total filing fee, please enter the following amendment in specification and claims.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the new following paragraph:

This application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Application Serial Number
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Serial No.: 09/276,031, Filed: March 25, 1999, which is a Continuation Application of
now abandoned
U.S. Application Serial Number Serial No.: 08/638,032, Filed: April 26, 1996.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-29 and add the following new claims 30-63.

30. (New) A composition comprising a dispersion having at least one aqueous phase having a pH of between 4 and 9 and a population A of latex particles of polymer or of copolymer having acidic and hydroxyl functional groups whose particle

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